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Memorandum For: Mr. Jack D. Neal
Department of State

Subject: Martin BORMANN

1. The attached report on Bormann's death is taken from an account by an eye-witness, a German soldier attached to Hitler's headquarters at the Chancellery building in Berlin during the last days before the Russian entry. This soldier later fled to Switzerland and was imprisoned there by the Swiss Police. He wrote his report on the last days in the Chancellery while in prison and, therefore, presumably out of touch with the outer world and all the various reports and rumors which circulated after the German collapse on the subject of the final fate of the top Nazis in Berlin.

2. Since all reports on the melodramatic finale of the occupants of the Fuehrer's air raid shelter have varied a good deal, it cannot be determined whether the soldier's report is reliable in its details and, therefore, possibly in its major facts as well. Although the soldier was of extremely low rank with no real entree into the inner group, it is still aught that his information is essentially trustworthy.

3. It should nevertheless be stated here that a rumor was circulating in Switzerland in late 1945 that Bormann, or someone resembling him, was with a group of Germans in northern Italy, all of whom were attempting to enter Switzerland. Our representative in Switzerland thought enough of this rumor to inform the Swiss border Police of it.

4. It is not known whether or not this information was made available to any representatives of the Department.

Jason Paige, Jr.
Liaison Officer

PAIR: BORMANN
UKC: Memo from JDI dated 21 Jan.

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